➤ March 1, 2010	> July 26, 2010
➤ March 15, 2010	> August 16, 2010
➤ March 29, 2010	> September 13, 2010
> April 12, 2010	> October 4, 2010
> April 28, 2010	<ul><li>October 18, 2010</li></ul>
> June 14, 2010	> October 27, 2010

## **Matching Funds**

When any report or group of reports shows that funds in opposition to a certified candidate, or in support of an opponent to that candidate, exceed the trigger for matching funds, the Board will immediately issue to that certified candidate an additional amount equal to the reported excess within the limits.

The trigger for matching funds is based on the sum of the following:

- 1. The greater of either:
  - a. Campaign receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, of a non-participating candidate opposed by a certified candidate, or
  - b. The funds distributed to certified candidates in a contested general election.
- 2. The aggregate total of all expenditures and payments reported from entities making independent expenditures or electioneering communications in opposition to the certified candidate or in support of any opponent of that certified candidate.

\*No matching funds will be provided as a result of an expenditure that supports all candidates for the same office or opposes all candidates for the same office. Additionally, matching funds will not be provided as a result of an electioneering communication that the Board ascertains is susceptible of no reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for all candidates for the same office or to vote against all candidates for the same office.

## **Definition of Limits**

• Limit on Matching Funds Before Date of Primary---total matching funds to a certified candidate before the date of the primary shall be limited to an amount equal to two times the maximum qualifying contributions for the office sought. Matching funds are available to a certified candidate with an opponent in the primary or to a certified candidate who is clearly referred to in expenditures made in